

**PATENT**  
Attorney Docket No. **VARD-07989**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Sherry Leonard *et al.*  
 Serial No.: 10/723,940 Group No.: 1649  
 Filed: 11/26/2003 Examiner: Standley, S.H.  
 Entitled: **Promoter Variants of the Alpha-7 Nicotinic Acetylcholine Receptor**

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED  
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**MS Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 7, 2006, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, *with traverse* of the restriction between Groups I and II. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following:

listing of claims beginning on page 2; and  
remarks and arguments beginning on page 6.